

Athletic Gender Gap- Rank Order 2005-2006

	High School Enrollment*		% High School Enrollment		Athletic Participation**		% Athletic Participation***		FEMALE GAP % Female HS Enrollment vs. % Female Athletic	States for Female
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	Participation	
NH-NEW HAMPSHIRE	32,571	33,964	49.0%	51.1%	20,780	23,399	47.0%	53.0%	-1.9%	1
PA-PENNSYLVANIA	288,680	301,652	48.9%	51.1%	124,715	142,432	46.7%	53.3%	-2.2%	2
ME-MAINE	30,304	32,241	48.5%	51.6%	26,110	30,578	46.1%	53.9%	-2.4%	3
NM-NEW MEXICO	48,153	50,049	49.0%	51.0%	22,586	25,918	46.6%	53.4%	-2.5%	4
VT-VERMONT	15,554	16,575	48.4%	51.6%	10,361	12,351	45.6%	54.4%	-2.8%	5
KY-KENTUCKY	91,054	95,613	48.8%	51.2%	43,327	53,130	44.9%	55.1%	-3.9%	6
MN-MINNESOTA	136,335	143,721	48.7%	51.3%	95,359	118,117	44.7%	55.3%	-4.0%	7
CO-COLORADO	110,176	115,105	48.9%	51.1%	55,055	67,740	44.8%	55.2%	-4.1%	8
CT-CONNECTICUT	84,705	88,516	48.9%	51.1%	46,070	57,075	44.7%	55.3%	-4.2%	9
AK - ALASKA	19,906	21,083	48.6%	51.4%	10,038	12,615	44.3%	55.7%	-4.3%	10
MT-MONTANA	23,207	24,699	48.4%	51.6%	14,594	19,120	43.3%	56.7%	-5.2%	11
WY-WYOMING	13,185	14,263	48.0%	52.0%	7,543	10,142	42.7%	57.3%	-5.4%	12
VA-VIRGINIA	178,220	184,254	49.2%	50.8%	73,974	95,035	43.8%	56.2%	-5.4%	13
DE-DELAWARE	17,362	18,130	48.9%	51.1%	10,269	13,413	43.4%	56.6%	-5.6%	14
WV-WEST VIRGINIA	40,409	42,165	48.9%	51.1%	15,137	19,820	43.3%	56.7%	-5.6%	15
HI-HAWAII	26,162	28,130	48.2%	51.8%	14,394	19,562	42.4%	57.6%	-5.8%	16
WA-WASHINGTON	157,176	166,483	48.6%	51.4%	68,380	91,909	42.7%	57.3%	-5.9%	17
MA-MASSACHUSETTS	144,908	148,491	49.4%	50.6%	91,248	119,268	43.3%	56.7%	-6.1%	18
NC-NORTH CAROLINA	198,033	201,981	49.5%	50.5%	76,133	99,449	43.4%	56.6%	-6.2%	19
OK-OKLAHOMA	85,908	89,291	49.0%	51.0%	31,825	42,465	42.8%	57.2%	-6.2%	20
NY-NEW YORK	418,297	422,652	49.7%	50.3%	151,813	198,536	43.3%	56.7%	-6.4%	21
IA-IOWA	74,771	78,541	48.8%	51.2%	61,783	84,322	42.3%	57.7%	-6.5%	22
ID-IDAHO	37,918	39,784	48.8%	51.2%	19,021	25,983	42.3%	57.7%	-6.5%	23
DC-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	9,203	8,522	51.9%	48.1%	1,747	2,120	45.2%	54.8%	-6.7%	24
MI-MICHIGAN	255,400	265,638	49.0%	51.0%	135,377	185,873	42.1%	57.9%	-6.9%	25
MO-MISSOURI	134,685	140,773	48.9%	51.1%	71,168	98,581	41.9%	58.1%	-7.0%	26
OR-OREGON	78,981	83,673	48.6%	51.4%	39,198	56,136	41.1%	58.9%	-7.4%	27
MD-MARYLAND	132,614	135,530	49.5%	50.5%	43,830	60,518	42.0%	58.0%	-7.5%	28
SD-SOUTH DAKOTA	19,067	19,840	49.0%	51.0%	11,826	16,766	41.4%	58.6%	-7.7%	29
CA-CALIFORNIA	921,050	963,269	48.9%	51.1%	278,716	399,303	41.1%	58.9%	-7.8%	30
AZ-ARIZONA	155,954	164,736	48.6%	51.4%	42,988	62,809	40.6%	59.4%	-8.0%	31
IN-INDIANA	147,407	153,802	48.9%	51.1%	65,377	94,421	40.9%	59.1%	-8.0%	32
NE-NEBRASKA	44,037	46,908	48.4%	51.6%	32,435	48,233	40.2%	59.8%	-8.2%	33
ND-NORTH DAKOTA	16,203	17,188	48.5%	51.5%	10,631	15,833	40.2%	59.8%	-8.4%	34
NJ-NEW JERSEY	198,361	201,575	49.6%	50.4%	102,137	145,772	41.2%	58.8%	-8.4%	35
FL-FLORIDA	385,654	395,884	49.4%	50.7%	87,426	126,597	40.8%	59.2%	-8.5%	36
WI-WISCONSIN	139,116	147,590	48.5%	51.5%	77,655	118,280	39.6%	60.4%	-8.9%	37
OH-OHIO	276,694	288,264	49.0%	51.0%	126,746	189,783	40.0%	60.0%	-8.9%	38
IL-ILLINOIS	300,420	311,157	49.1%	50.9%	129,946	193,757	40.1%	59.9%	-9.0%	39
KS-KANSAS	68,636	72,228	48.7%	51.3%	38,936	59,786	39.4%	60.6%	-9.3%	40
RI-RHODE ISLAND	24,064	24,707	49.3%	50.7%	10,239	15,518	39.8%	60.2%	-9.6%	41
NV-NEVADA	0	0	49.1%	50.9%	15,148	23,911	38.8%	61.2%	-10.3%	42
TX-TEXAS	594,522	626,426	48.7%	51.3%	283,775	458,566	38.2%	61.8%	-10.5%	43
AR-ARKANSAS	66,066	68,575	49.1%	50.9%	19,961	32,289	38.2%	61.8%	-10.9%	44
UT-UTAH	71,606	76,554	48.3%	51.7%	17,866	29,845	37.4%	62.6%	-10.9%	45
GA-GEORGIA	213,351	215,624	49.7%	50.3%	61,138	101,999	37.5%	62.5%	-12.3%	46
SC-SOUTH CAROLINA	98,732	98,580	50.0%	50.0%	30,955	52,760	37.0%	63.0%	-13.1%	47
MS-MISSISSIPPI	66,251	63,002	51.3%	48.7%	31,099	55,152	36.1%	63.9%	-15.2%	48
LA-LOUISIANA	96,699	93,713	50.8%	49.2%	31,429	58,728	34.9%	65.1%	-15.9%	49
AL-ALABAMA	102,452	105,931	49.2%	50.8%	28,028	58,859	32.3%	67.7%	-16.9%	50
TN-TENNESSEE	0	0	49.1%	50.9%	30,813	72,874	29.7%	70.3%	-19.4%	51
TOTALS****			49.1%	50.9%	2,947,105	4,217,448	41.4%	58.6%	-7.7%	

Girls receive 1.3 million less participation opportunities than boys at the high school level.

* Based on most recent available data: 2004-2005 National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) (<http://nces.ed.gov/>) high school enrollment data for grades 9-12

** Based on most recent available data: 2005-2006 National Federation High School Athletic Association (www.nfhs.org) athlete data

*** In the case of two states with no gender breakdown of high school enrollment (Nevada and Tennessee) national average high school enrollment was used (49.1% female and 50.9% male)